

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/536,730

Examiner

Karen Cheng

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 1/16/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-4,7-8, 10,13-14,17-18,20-25 and 40 now renumbered 1-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-42 are currently pending in the instant application. Claims 2, 5-6, 9, 11-12, 15-16, 19, 26-39 and 41-42 have been cancelled by applicant. The non-cancelled claims have been renumbered as claims 1-17.

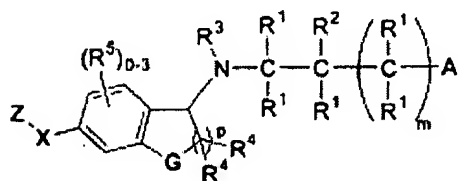
Response to Amendments

Applicant's amendments found in Amendment – After Non-Final Rejection, filed 1/16/2007, have been fully considered and are entered. The claim objections of claims 1-4, 7-8, 10, 13-14, 16-18, 24, 26 and 40 have been withdrawn in view of applicant's cancellation of non-elected subject matter from the claims. The enablement rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph of claim 26 has been withdrawn in view of applicant's cancellation of the claim. The objection to the specification has been withdrawn.

Statement of Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

This invention relates to compounds of the formula



wherein m is 0, p is 1, G is C(R⁴)₂, R² and R³ are joined together to form a 4 or 5-membered monocyclic ring, A, R¹, R⁴, R⁵, Z, X, R⁶ and R⁷ are as defined and a pharmaceutical composition comprised of said compound with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The novel and non-obvious aspect of this invention is the 4 or 5-membered monocyclic ring fused to the benzene ring. The

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closest prior art of record (WO Pub. No. 03/105771) fails to teach or suggest the five-membered ring fused to the benzene ring of applicant's instantly claimed compound(s) and pharmaceutical composition.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

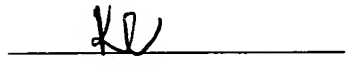
Conclusion

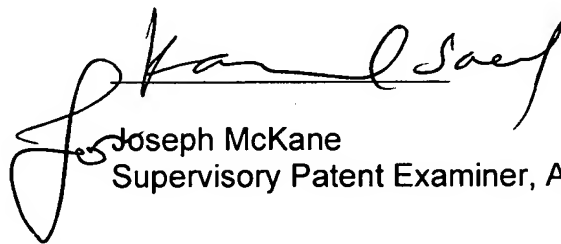
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen Cheng whose telephone number is 571-272-6233. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9AM to 5:30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571)272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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